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Title : PORIFERA-BASED THERAPEUTIC COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING
AND PREVENTING SKIN DISEASES

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit the following Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 17, 2008 in the above referenced patent application.

In response to Office's request to amend the specification, Applicant amended "presently" to "present" in paragraph [0098] in the amendment document filed January 2, 2008. Applicant complied with the Office's request in the amendment filed on January 2, 2008, but in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant is resubmitting the amendment document with the requested changes. To make the amendment to paragraph [0098] abundantly clear, Applicant has struck out the word "presently" completely and replaced it with the word "present." Attached is a copy of the compliant response.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 50-3207.

Respectfully submitted,

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